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1. DEPARTMENT REQUESTS PERM DEL CONVEY FOLLOWING MESSAGE
TO UNESCO SECRETARIAT (FOECKE) IN RESPONSE HIS JUNE 6
MEMO TO PERM DEL (PITTS) ON SUBJECT CONFERENCE.

2. MAIN FOCUS OF CONFERENCE WILL BE DISCUSSION (WITH
SPECIAL ATTENTION TO LDCS) OF PROBLEMS OF PLANNING AND
IMPLEMENTATION OF VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION
PROGRAMS. U.S. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE WILL BE PROVIDED FOR
DRAWING UP GUIDELINES FOR SOLVING THESE PROBLEMS WITHIN
FRAMEWORK GENERAL PRINCIPLES AND TERMS OF REFERENCE OF
UNESCO REVISED RECOMMENDATION CONCERNING TECHNICAL AND
VOCATIONAL EDUCATION.

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3. WE CONCUR THAT BASIC PLANNING AND EXECUTION OF MEETING
WOULD BE U.S. RESPONSIBILITY. NEVERTHELESS, COOPERATION
AND SUPPORT BY UNESCO AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES
SUCH AS ILO, FAO, UNDP AND IBRD WILL BE ESSENTIAL INGREDI-

ENT FOR ITS SUCCESS.

4. UNESCO PARTICIPATION IN PLANNING AND ORGANIZATION
MEETING SCHEDULED WASHINGTON OCTOBER 14-15 REQUESTED.
SECRETARIAT ASSISTANCE ALSO REQUESTED IN IDENTIFYING APPROPRIATE REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES, MAKING INITIAL CONTACT TO INFORM THEM OF PLANNING MEETING AND TO INQUIRE INTO EXTENT AND NATURE OF THEIR POTENTIAL COMMITMENT AND CONTRIBUTION TO CONFERENCE. U.S. WILL FOLLOW-UP WITH OFFICIAL INVITATIONS. PURPOSE OF MEETING WILL BE TO OBTAIN BETTER DEFINITION OF CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES AND CLARIFICATION OF COMMITMENT BY PARTICIPATING AGENCIES RE FOECKE PARA. 6.

5. PARTICIPATION AND INVOLVEMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND INTERNATIONAL EXPERTS IN PROGRAM PLANNING FOR CONFERENCE, AS WELL AS CONFERENCE ITSELF, SEEN AS IMPORTANT ELEMENT OF CONFERENCE DIALOGUE FOR ALL, INCLUDING PERSPECTIVE OF AMERICAN PARTICIPANTS. IN RESPECT TO LDC CONTRIBUTION, WE WOULD APPRECIATE EVEN TENTATIVE RESULTS UNESCO CANVASS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES REQUESTING THEIR ASSESSMENT OF TOPICS RELEVANT FOR DISCUSSION.

6. WHILE PRECISE DEFINITION OF UNESCO ROLE AND EXACT EXTENT AND NATURE OF ITS CONTRIBUTION TO CONFERENCE MAY BE DEFERRED UNTIL OCTOBER MEETING, UNESCO SERVICES IN TRANSLATING, PRINTING AND DISTRIBUTION OF CONFERENCE WORKING DOCUMENTS AND REPORTS AND ASSISTANCE IN IDENTIFYING LDC AND INTERNATIONAL EXPERTS AND ARRANGING THEIR TRAVEL, WOULD BE MAJOR CONTRIBUTION TO CONFERENCE PLANNING.

7. BUREAU OF OCCUPATIONAL AND ADULT EDUCATION, USOE/DHEW (LEAD AGENCY FOR CONFERENCE), HAS DESIGNATED DR. JOSEPH CASELLO AS PROGRAM COORDINATOR FOR CONFERENCE.

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8. UNESCO (FOECKE) REACTION AND RESPONSE IN WRITING TO POINTS RAISED ABOVE WOULD BE APPRECIATED ASAP. KISSINGER

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